

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacement paragraphs as follows:

[01] The present application is related to the following co-pending applications, which are assigned to the assignee of the present invention, filed on even date herewith, and incorporated herein by reference in their entireties:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. / (~~Docket No. RIC-01-044~~) 10/023,331,
entitled "VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK (VPN)-AWARE CUSTOMER
PREMISES EQUIPMENT (CPE) EDGE ~~ROUTER;~~ ROUTER," now U.S.
Patent No. 6,778,498, issued Aug. 17, 2004; and
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. / (~~Docket No. RIC-01-060~~) 10/023,332,
entitled "SYSTEM, METHOD AND APPARATUS THAT ISOLATE VIRTUAL
PRIVATE NETWORK (VPN) AND BEST EFFORT TRAFFIC TO RESIST
DENIAL OF SERVICE ~~ATTACKS;~~ ATTACKS," now abandoned.